

SACRAMENTS - SESSION SEVEN

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SACRAMENT	Who- What	Sign – Symbol	Community	Summons – Live the Vision
BAPTISM	Sign – Pouring of water with words "I baptize you in the name of the Father, Son & Holy Spirit" Imprints a character Effects – Ministers	Water –Image of source of all life. We step into the waters symbolizing death and rise to new life. What is Signified Happens	Sacrament placing us into the Leaven Community – Charged by its presence to make a difference.	Seek the things that are above Live the life of Jesus. Dare to be different.
CONFIRMATION	Sign – Laying on of hands with the anointing with oil. Character. Effects a strengthening to ministry. Minister is usually the Bishop – sometimes priest Imprints a character	Strengthening – Rite of Passage – Christian comes of age and responsibility but growth is lifelong. What is signified happens	One is strengthened to assist the Church in being the visible sign of Christ's presence.	Become all things to all people. Grow in being a sign of God's love and presence in the world. Renew your commitment to the process each day. by your love – your presence.
EUCCHARIST	This is my Body – This is my blood. Do this in memory of me. At Mass, the sacrifice of Jesus is re-presented to God so we can become part of it. We eat the Body of Christ to become the body of Christ. Sacrifice – Sacrament – Presence	Separate Consecration: Sign of Sacrifice. Food to be consumed – Nourishment for the Pilgrim What is signified happens	Community is most fully expressed in the celebration that defines its identity A celebration of who we are as a community	Having experienced the presence of Christ – become Christ for others.
RECONCILIATION (PENANCE)	Sign: Contrition, Confession, Satisfaction – the acts of the penitent are the form and the matter of the sacrament	These actions before the official representative of Christ signify and bring about reconciliation to God. What is signified takes place.	Reconciliation to the Community is a sign of reconciliation with God. Reconciliation to God takes place.	Having been reconciled to your God, make it your ministry to be one who brings people together. Become yourself a reconciler of others. Forgive.
ANOINTING OF THE SICK	Sign – Laying on of hands and anointing with oil with the word "Through this holy anointing and his loving kindness may God grant you healing of mind and body.	Special strengthening for a time of special need – healing. What is signified happens	The healing presence of Christ is made present to the sick person.	Having been healed, be a healing presence to others..
HOLY ORDERS	Laying on of the hands coupled with the words of ordination, a man is set aside for a special task in the church. Imprints a character.	The deacon, priest, bishop is set aside and commissioned for a special task in the community. What is signified happens.	Imitate what you handle – become what you teach for the community of God's people. Build the community – call others to ministry.	Be a sign to the sign community of what it means to be leaven, light, and salt.
MATRIMONY	The mutual giving and exchanging of vows is the matter and the form the words signifying it. Couple are the ministers.	Your self gift to one another is sign of God's love for God's people. What is signified happens	The community has need of the example of your sacrificial love to be a sign to all humankind	Live the Love Story of God and people.

Parents – Keep this on hand for reference and for back-up in instructing your children as you go along each week

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